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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SNAR
SUBJECT: ROLE OF DEA

REF: STATE 243817

MY VIEWS ON THE QUESTIONS RAISED IN THE REFTEL ARE
SET FORTH BELOW, WITH THE ANSWERS KEYED TO THE
LETTERED PARAGRAPHS OF REFTEL.

A. THE OBJECTIVES SET FORTH FOR DEA IN PARAGRAPH 2
ARE ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE FOR THIS COUNTRY.
AS NOTED, THE RELATIVE EMPHASIS ON THE THREE OBJECTIVES
WILL CHANGE OVER TIME AND WITH LOCAL RELATIONSHIPS,
BUT I BELIEVE A STATEMENT OF THE AGENCY'S ROLE
LIMITED TO THESE THREE ACTIVITIES WOULD BE ENTIRELY
SATISFACTORY.

B. DEA ACTIVITIES IN ARGENTINA ARE PROPERLY FOCUSED.

(1) PRIORITY IS CURRENTLY GIVEN TO INTELLIGENCE
WITH ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT SECOND.

(2) YES.

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(3) SELF-INITIATED. DEA MAKES OCCASIONAL EFFORTS
TO FOCUS THE ARGENTINE ACTIVITIES.

(4) YES.

(5) I HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO LEARN FROM ANY LONG-TIME
OFFICERS AT THIS POST OF ANY INCIDENTS IN WHICH DEA
ACTIVITIES HAVE CONFLICTED WITH WELFARE AND
PROTECTIVE FUNCTIONS.

C. YES.

D. YES. THE TWO SAIC'S I HAVE KNOWN SINCE ARRIVING AT THIS POST HAVE BEEN HIGHLY CONSCIENTIOUS ABOUT KEEPING ME INFORMED AND HAVE HAD A GOOD SENSE OF THE EMBASSY'S NEEDS AND CONCERNS.

1. YES.

2. YES. THERE HAVE BEEN NO INCIDENTS CONTRADICTING THE GUIDANCE.

E. RELATIONS HAVE BEEN EXCELLENT TO DATE.

F. I BELIEVE MANPOWER AND OTHER RESOURCES ARE ADEQUATE. A DEA EVALUATION TEAM IS CURRENTLY ASSESSING THIS QUESTION.

1. THE QUESTION IS FAR FROM CLEAR AND CONTAINS THE IMPLICATION THAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE TO WORK AGAINST MINOR OFFENDERS. WERE THIS THE CASE I WOULD CONSIDER THE ARGENTINA OFFICE GROSSLY OVERSTAFFED. MY REVIEW OF DEA ACTIVITIES INDICATES THEY ARE ACTIVE IN INTELLIGENCE AND ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT DIRECTED AT THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TRAFFICKING NETWORKS. HOW THIS MANDATE COULD BE MORE BROADLY DEFINED IS NOT CLEAR. THE DEA TRAINING ACTIVITIES ARE, TO A LARGE DEGREE, RESPONSIVE TO GOA DESIRES. DEA
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ACTIVITIES ARE ACCEPTABLE TO THE HOST GOVERNMENT. THE GOA WOULD PROBABLY FIND IT ACCEPTABLE, THOUGH SOMEWHAT PUZZLING, IF ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT WERE TO BE ELIMINATED.
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